

Doylestown Mennonite Church

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WELCOME!

We are people on a journey of following Jesus, and we invite you to walk with us. In our desire to be authentic, we share our joys and struggles to both encourage and pray for one another. All are welcome to ask questions and participate in our activities. Our vision- *taking risks with and for Christ*- continues to shape us. Please feel free to make DMC your faith community.

~Pastors Randy, KrisAnne, and Sandy

People Serving Today:

Prayer Ushers: Kendrick Garrido, Mary Leatherman

Intercessor: MaryLee Chittick

Worship & Music: KrisAnne Swartley

Preacher: Randy Heacock

Worship services are streamed live on the public church Facebook page at 10:00am. The video remains available to view at any time. Video link <https://www.facebook.com/doylestownmc/>

Upcoming Events

Dec 22	Prayer by zoom	9:00am
Dec 24	Christmas Eve on Facebook Live	7:00pm

DMC NOTES:

Worship at DMC will be online only through January 3. Live-stream videos on Sundays begin at 9:50am and the worship service begins at 10:00. The video link is on the left side of this page. **We plan to resume in-person worship on January 10.**

The prayer ushers will be available by phone on Sunday, Dec 20 from 11 am – 12 noon. Feel free to call Mary Leatherman (215-603-3003) or Kendrick Garrido (267-221-6026) if you would like prayer.

A guided prayer on hope during Advent is available from pastor Sandy. Contact her for a copy. (sandylandes1311@gmail.com)

Christmas Eve Service & Candlelighting- Have a candle ready as you watch the live-stream of our Christmas Eve service. We will invite you to light your candle as we sing Silent Night! Live stream will begin at 6:50pm. The service will begin at 7:00pm.

Christmas Eve offering- Ministry Leadership Team has decided to split our offering in four equal parts to the following ministries that people at DMC have connections with: **Spruce Lake/Pinebrook, Care & Share, Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lehigh Valley.** If you mail your offering to the church, please be sure the envelope is marked clearly for Christmas Eve. If you give online, you will need to contact the church office to designate it for Christmas Eve (phone & email are at the top of this page).

December Discernment Conversations- Racism- There is one group left: Tuesday 12/29 @ 7:00pm, by zoom, led by pastor Sandy. There is still room in this group if you want to participate! Let Sandy know if you'd like the zoom link (sandylandes1311@gmail.com).

Sermon Notes: Luke 1:26-38

What is the value of finding favor with God?

What two challenges does Mary face?

How does Mary respond?

Prayer Guide: 2020 Theme - Waiting on God... in a hurried world

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- Praise God for the gift of the message, **“Be not afraid,”** that God speaks to us every day through the scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and encounters with other people.
- Pray for **Lucy DeJesus**, for better health and comfort as she has been experiencing continued pain in her leg.
- **Praise God for the healing Michael, Aimee and Abby Gourley** have experienced this week from the Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for DMC participants who are experiencing visiting restrictions now in retirement communities: **John and Sara Faye Moyer, Grace Brenneman, Dorothy Wartko, Peg Freed, Helmut Wahl and June Histan.**

Community

- **Mosaic Mennonite Conference prays this week for Frederick Living**, a continuing care community in western Montgomery County. Pray for continued wisdom and vigilance regarding COVID-19 and their nursing recruitment efforts.
- Pray for the work of **Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Lehigh Valley, Care and Share Shoppes, Spruce Lake/Pinebrook and Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA** as they serve the local community and the wider church. Our offerings on Christmas Eve will support this work.
- **Pray for grace, God’s empowering presence, to fill us** as we celebrate Christmas with many differences this year. As we mourn the loss of normal gatherings, ask God to give us creativity to connect and serve in our current reality with joy.

Global

- **Praise God that Dale Nafziger** was able to return home to Nepal safely after his recent trip to the US. Pray for wisdom as they serve in their local church and neighborhood.
- Join **Mennonite Mission Network in praying for the peace witness of the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia** amid the conflict between the government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and the Northern Tigray region.

Community Groups Meeting at DMC:

Sunday:

Playwrite’s Bridge (monthly, 2-5pm, basement)
NA (weekly, 7pm, basement)
Boy Scouts (weekly, 2pm, pavilion)

Tuesday:

AlaNon (weekly, 7pm, basement)

Wednesday:

AA (weekly, noon, basement)
Writer’s Group (weekly, 7pm, basement)
PA Rush soccer (monthly, 7pm, Rm 102-3)

Thursday:

OA (weekly, 10am, by phone)
Thurs Eve support (weekly, 7pm, Rm 201)

December 13

Offering: \$10,857.00
(Dec 11-18)